

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2402 - SB 2610

February 21, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the minimum juror compensation from \$10 to \$20 per day. Increases the flat rate a county may establish to cover per diem and expenses from \$11 to \$21.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Estimate assumes:

- local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs of increasing juror daily compensation.
- annual juror compensation costs exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and most courts pay at or near the minimum required compensation.
- this requirement will not affect state expenditures as the state does not reimburse for juries unless there is a change of venue or if the jury must be sequestered. Current law limits this reimbursement to a maximum of \$500.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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